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Teri and Art Iwasaki Create Student Scholarship Fund

"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." - Winston Churchill



Photo caption: I Companys 442nd veterans Jim Yamashita and Art Iwasaki pictured together at the Nisei Veterans Committee Hall Rededication in Seattle, Washington last February of 2008.

Americans of Japanese Ancestry World War II Memorial Alliance and JA Living Legacy received a generous \$12,000 donation from Teri and Art Iwasaki of Portland, Oregon. "This is our second largest single donation to date and we are honored the Iwasaki family chose our organization to implement this program," said Natalia Yamashiro, President.

The Iwasaki family donated the funds to provide an annual \$2000 scholarship every year for the next five years. The scholarship will be awarded to a qualifying high school senior; details regarding applications and qualifications will be released in the first quarter of 2009. Please visit www.jalivinglegacy.org for updated scholarship

information. In addition to the scholarship fund, the Iwasakis donated \$2,000 to JA Living Legacy to continue working and collaborating with local 442nd I Company events and functions.

Art Iwasaki is a member of I Company 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Art and his children (Robert, Stephanie, Christie, Paul and Leslie) created the "Teri and Art Iwasaki Scholarship" to support the rising costs of education and to honor Art's late wife, Teri.

"The legacy of the Nisei World War II veteran must not be forgotten and all efforts to educate our youth should be encouraged throughout our community. Thanks to the efforts like the Iwasaki family, the legacy will continue," said Susan Uyemura, CEO of JA Living Legacy.

Japanese American Living Legacy is a California nonprofit 501.c.3 organization based out of California State University, Fullerton. All of the board of directors, staff and advisors are volunteers. For more information on Japanese American Living Legacy, please visit their website at www.jalivinglegacy.org or call them at (657) 278-4483.

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